

# AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. **002** 3. EFFECTIVE DATE **01/15/2003** 4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

6. ISSUED BY \_\_\_\_\_ CODE \_\_\_\_\_ 7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) \_\_\_\_\_ CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
 National Heart, Lung, & Blood Institute, NIH  
 Rockledge II Building, Room 6110  
 6701 ROCKLEDGE DR MSC 7902  
 BETHESDA MD 20892-7902

8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)  
 Recipients of BAA NHLBI-HV-04-01,  
 Pediatric Circulatory Support

9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. **BAA NHLBI-HV-04-01**  
 9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13) **November 29, 2002**

10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13) \_\_\_\_\_

CODE \_\_\_\_\_ FACILITY CODE \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. THIS ITEM APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers  is extended,  is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:  
 (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offers submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

## 12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

## 13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.

B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).

C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:

D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

**E. IMPORTANT:** Contractor  is not,  is required to sign this document and return \_\_\_\_\_ copies to the issuing office.

## 14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

The following inquiry has been received: "My company . . . is interested in submitting a proposal in response to the Pediatric Support System RFP. We are prepared to be competitive with larger and more established companies. . . . My concern is that [my firm] with its [short] history will not be perceived as a 'player' in this field." See next page for official response.

Offerors are encouraged to register at <http://www1.eps.gov/spg/HHS/NIH/NHLBI/BAA-NHLBI-HV-04-01/listing.html> to ensure notification of amendments of this solicitation. A picture of the Contracting Officer's signature is omitted from Block 16B. of this amendment to reduce the file size.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print) \_\_\_\_\_ 16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)  
 Robert A. Julia  
 Contracting Officer, HLVD Contracts Section

15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR \_\_\_\_\_ 15C. DATE SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ 16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
 BY \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ \_\_\_\_\_ 16C. DATE SIGNED  
 01/15/2003  
 (Signature of person authorized to sign.) (Signature of Contracting Officer)

*The following response applies:*

Section M—Evaluation Factors for Award (pages 47-48) states what the evaluation criteria are for all proposals. We are looking for responsible offerors whose proposals provide the best value to the Government.

The majority of the review criteria (85% of the total points possible) deal with the theoretical areas of the proposal: concept and theory, innovation, Research/Design/Development & Manufacturing, and Plan for Testing and Evaluation.

The remaining 15% of possible points deals with the areas of expertise and commitment, facilities, and resources to accomplish the goals.

None of the evaluation criteria exclude any companies on the basis of longevity or size. The final selection will depend on scientific merit, the proposed cost in relation to availability of funds, and the program balance within the NHLBI at the time of award.

All interested parties are encouraged to submit proposals.

*This explanation is provided as guidance to potential offerors and does not supersede any terms of the solicitation.*